



CENTRAL HAMPTON BOULEVARD AREA STUDY FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING – “SETTING THE VISION” FEBRUARY 7, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING

Over 200 people attended the first community meeting for the Central Hampton Boulevard Area study, including residents, property owners, businesses, and students, as well as City, NRHA and Old Dominion representatives. Mayor Paul Fraim kicked off the meeting and Goody Clancy presented some initial findings. The group was then divided into six smaller groups and asked some basic questions about the community. Following is a summary of all six groups dialogues.



1. Current assets

- Access to downtown, hospital, naval base
- Long-established neighborhoods
- Colley Avenue and the waterfront
- Renaissance of Lambert's point; residential improvements going on in West Highland Park
- University Village
- ODU; local institutions, including schools, 40th Street Stage



2. Focus for action

- Improved buffers between different land uses
- Additional retail along Colley Avenue; wider variety of retail overall
- Increased and improved open space, parks, streetscape, bike paths, better lighting throughout area, overall walkability;
- Improved safety and enforcement of zoning and other regulations
- Increased home ownership; better mix of housing, from affordable to market rate
- Reduced traffic on 38th Street; overall traffic management on Hampton Boulevard
- Family-sustaining jobs
- Develop inventory of historic assets
- Flooding at northern ends of Killam and Colley

3. Future conditions

- New recreation center
- Colley Bay waterfront as destination
- Single-family housing preserved
- Colley Avenue as community corridor, with additional locally-owned businesses/retail
- Extension of light rail to area
- Third crossing over Elizabeth River
- Better-defined southern industrial area



The Second Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Larchmont Elementary School. Please plan to attend to continue building the vision for the Central Hampton Boulevard Area.